

Our Brother G. W. Hartsfield who has recently left his old home at Mansfield, La., where he had resided for 23 years, and settled, as pastor, at Aracoma, of the same State, writes us a very pleasant note. Among other things he says: "We are trying to get used to our new home here. If kindness and plenty of work will help towards that end we are encouraged. Yesterday was the coldest day of the season and our large house was filled with attentive listeners. I am going to be troubled a good deal changing my mail. Twenty-three years ago in Mansfield I will be here to stay." Will all of Brother Hartsfield's correspondents note the change? Our brother has our best wishes and prayers for himself and his in his new field.

Things From our Foreign Fields.

Brother Smith, lately removed from Alabama to Afghanistan, where he takes charge of the work, writes us a note, somewhat related by a little trouble in the church. He expects to have everything all right in a short time, and thinks the outlook there hopeful. It is gratifying to the Board to be able to say that the work is in a fair way for our next meeting. Several good men are being trained for it.

Rev. Z. C. Taylor reports the work is spreading from Bahia as a center, to various points as far as the interior. In several places in the interior he has baptized converts, won the testimony of members of the Bahia church. These Christians are at work. Brother Taylor and Sister, from Rio, report their work is making good progress. Conversions are not a few, and an increasing number of baptisms. Miss Maguire has been a great help in the mission, but we rejoice in the knowledge that another gifted daughter of Missouri is ready to take up the work left by her. Read the Brazilian letters in the Journal.

Miss Mary Taylor, in the Journal, gives some very interesting sketches of Italian life and people. Her letter and by Taylor's make the Italian people more real to us. Brother Taylor's sketch of the death of Father Gavazzi, "the greatest man and only great saint of the modern age," with a brief notice of his life, is a great loss to Italy. He also says: "Our men and our books have gone to Egypt, to India, to France, and a real home to us from Tunis, and Italy." So the light spreads. Money still comes in for the Italian Chapel Fund.

Miss Sallie Hale, Parris, says we have in Mexico 14 churches, 10 preaching stations, 1 school, with 140 scholars and about 700 members. Brother Wilson, who has been at it for a long time, feels that he has at last given a firm footing to the church, and God has blessed his work. Seven have been baptized. He will, he says, return to the city in six months. Bro. Ruhl is ready to preach in Spanish, and the work at Parris seems encouraging. The house for boys' school and training school for boys, "big mission at Parris," is about camp.

Chris. Roy, Chappell and wife are on their way to Shanghai, at which place, brethren Britton and Fathum have already arrived. The latter papers report serious troubles in China, and destruction of "Christian mission chapel." It is believed that this is true. But the beam and the cross are news. Parris for the children and sisters. Nine years of incessant toil in Canada makes a rest necessary for Bro. Shannon and Mrs. Shannon's health. Such a rest, their physician has ordered her to have recuperation. They will leave in May, and Dr. Shannon will return to take charge of the work. God has greatly blessed the work in Canada, seventy having been baptized last year.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS.

There will be a district meeting held with the Mount Hope church on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before the fifth Sunday, which all the ministers and deacons in the Bethlehem Association are requested to attend, and as many of the laity as can attend are cordially invited to do so.

Session by Eld. S. S. Robbins, Jr., Moderator, and Eld. J. D. Stone, Secretary. Essay on Communion as to how often, when and where to be observed. By Elders J. D. Stone and J. D. Stone.

The Temptation of the Church, Gressett and Culpepper. The Spiritual and Secular Sphere of the Church. By L. A. Duncan and Elders Pickard and Clarke.

T. L. Williams to preach Saturday night at 8 o'clock Sunday. The district meeting of the Holy Trinity Association, with Corinth, a newly organized church, five miles south of Nicholson, Hancock Co., the 5th Sabbath in March, and Saturday before.

The committee appointed to manage the programme, Elder J. B. Flanagan, chairman, reported as follows: "How should people conduct themselves at the house of God?"—W. C. Anderson, Newton, Ireland.

"How should a minister conduct himself to exert an influence over his church?"—R. N. Davis, J. B. Flanagan, Nicholson, Miss., Feb. 17th, 1889.

News From Concord.

All the fall and winter, notwithstanding the so many allures that lead us astray, the Lord has watched over his house at this place. Nearly every service, twice per month, some special interest on the part of the unconverted, has been manifested. Last Sunday, Feb. 17th, regardless of the unfavorable weather, a goodly number met at the water's edge and witnessed the burial of one in Christ by baptism. We returned to the church and at the close of the service, blessed an interest in the prayers of God's people.

One brother says that we have the largest congregations now of any church in Yazoo county. We have now, for the first time in quite a number of years, a good Sunday school. The sisters have organized a Woman's Mission Society. With these helps the pastor's great desire is that scores of these wayward souls shall soon be made glad in the embrace of Christ. If we look for it, we shall have it.

T. J. SWANLEY.

At the house of the bride's father, Mr. W. E. S. Montrose, Jasper Co., Miss., Feb. 14th, 1889, Mr. J. H. Todd, of Hickory, Newton Co., Miss., to Miss M. M. Chapman, of Jasper Co., Miss. Elder Wm. E. Smith officiating. May the pleasure of earth and the joys of Heaven be theirs.

At the residence of the bride's father, Mr. F. M. Vincent, Mr. Joe Bishop, Mr. M. Chapman, of Jasper Co., Miss. Elder Wm. E. Smith officiating. May the pleasure of earth and the joys of Heaven be theirs.

On the 24th of Feb., 1889, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. W. H. Gerard, Mr. F. M. O'Neal, of Sharkey Co., and Miss Dora Gerard, of Yazoo Co., T. J. Swanley officiating.

A. B. Cotton and Miss Mattie McLaurin, on the 14th of Feb. 1889, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Hamlet, Jasper Co., Miss., by Elder M. G. Turner.

At the residence of the bride's father, at Vossburg, Jasper Co., Miss., by Elder M. G. Turner, Mr. E. W. Thatch and Miss Julia Morris, Dec. 24th, 1888.

W. J. McFarland and Miss Charity P. Thompson on Dec. 27th, 1888, by Elder M. G. Turner at the residence of Benjamin and Caroline Thompson, deceased, near Hamlet, Miss.

Julien Eddins and Miss Maggie Thigpen on the 14th of Feb. 1889, by Elder M. G. Turner, at the residence of the bride's father, Elder Wm. Thigpen, near Lake Como, Miss.

At the residence of Prof. J. S. Thornton, Duck Hill, Miss., Feb. 19th, 1889, Mr. C. C. Butt and Miss Florence Thornton, Elder E. E. Thornton officiating.

At the residence of the bride, by Rev. W. Lipsey, on the 20th of Feb. 1889, Mr. J. M. C. Turner, of Pontotoc Co., Miss., to Mrs. M. R. Potter, of Goldwater, Miss. On twenty-one of the maternal grandchildren were present. The other five not arriving in time to witness the solemn scene.

On the 7th of Feb. 1889, at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Othello and Miss Jennie Harvey. May happiness follow them. W. S. C. L. R. R.

On the evening of the 17th of Dec. 1888, by J. E. Brunson, at the residence of the bride's father, Elder J. D. Stone, Mr. J. H. Bowdell and Miss Huld Stone, all of Lauderdale Co., And now you have launched on the rough seas of life, may the sun shine of peace attend your way.

At the residence of the bride's father, J. E. Brunson, Dec. 21st, 1888, by J. E. Brunson, Mr. J. P. Shanks and Miss A. D. Roberts, all of Meridian. May happiness attend through their lives.

At the residence of the bride's father, J. E. Brunson, by Rev. W. S. Culpepper, on the evening of Jan. 17th, 1889, Mr. E. E. Hair and Miss Louanna Brunson, all of Meridian. May prosperity and happiness attend them through life.

SECTAR DEPARTMENT.

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Some of our people, it seems, want Lower California. It is certainly worth having. It has a territory of 10 miles in width and 400 in length. It abounds in rich mineral laden ranges, fertile and fruitful valleys, is entirely detached from old Mexico.

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and can be had probably for twenty millions of dollars, something less than seventy-five cents per acre. It would make two good sized, rich and powerful states.

It is said that an English syndicate is proposing to buy the St. Louis Breweries. If the thing should come about the brewery people will at least be on the safe side when the prohibition "slump" falls.

Mr. Baine seems to favor leaving the negro problem to be settled by the Southern people who know most about it. If he means it, it is well. The problem was much more solved by four years of "let alone" policy than it will be by four years of malicious interference.

The Ways and Means Committee in Congress, with Mr. Mills at its head, are again tinkering with the tariff. Whatever is to be gained by such a legislative force doth not yet appear. It begins to look like a case of scissors on the part of the House committee.

It is said that the present Georgia Legislature contains more farmers than any of its recent predecessors. There are sixty-nine farmers in the House, against forty-six last year. Now we may look out for some plain, horse sense legislation.

According to Rev. Dr. Atcheson, Haygo, agent of the Slater fund for the colored people, the States of Georgia, Alabama and Virginia have, since 1870, spent no less than \$19,000,000 for the education of the negro. And if that sort of thing goes on, we may hope after a while to see the colored brother and his people emancipated from the domination of whisky tramps and somewhere near his true place as an American citizen.

Nine barns have been burned in succession in York County, Penn., by incendiary fires, which beats Wabash it fifty per cent.

An unsuccessful attempt was made to destroy a big New York City brewery with dynamite. The explosion was terrific and damaged the houses for a hundred yards around. Several persons were hurt. Only an attempt to get up a "conger" on beer. Putting it up you know.

It is reported that a Tennessee politician said to his Nashville friend a day ago: "The man who talks about honesty in politics is a fool," whether he is looking for it or not.

Two human beings, bearing the shape and names of men have just been arrested by California State revenue officers and lodged in jail in Oxford, Miss. No doubt they were regarded as saints by the great white people who have so long misruled this country, for they were manufacturing and selling small metal stents to the negroes who were preparing to make their own whisky. If a tree is known by its fruits, in all cases, then we would say that if the lives of these wretches in human shape, could be known through one of the stents in question, there would be poison enough obtained to kill off every man, woman and child in this cut re content. In our opinion the manufacturer and purveyors of dynamite for devilish purposes cannot be worse than such as these incendiaries among the ignorant and vicious negroes.

I read of "Kate" Field's degradation in hiring herself at \$2.50 a year to the California vine growers to popularize their wine in the east, we trust to be able to write soon, "Kate" Field's degradation. It is so keenly as to throw up her wretched contract. The Voice. If the poor girl has the woman's soul in her, it will be likely to happen that way.

Arbor Day, which originated in Nebraska has been the means of causing the planting of nearly 10,000 acres of forest in that State alone.

The London Times is said to pay its correspondents in the cities of the continent salaries varying from \$1,250 to \$16,000 annually, this branch alone of its service costing the journal nearly one hundred and fifty thousand dollars a year.

Ireland no longer sends the greatest number of emigrants to this country, being behind Scotland and England.

"But we are heartily sick of this eternal immigration talk. Let's go to work and build up our moral, social, educational, industrial state—enrich ourselves and State and enliven and flourish, and do not let us simply upon our backs" waiting for emigrants to come in and buy our land."

"He who helps to circulate a piece of gossip is as bad as the one who originated it. To put your fist in a tar barrel and then go round shaking hands with everybody is what some people like to do."

A wealthy young lawyer, out two days and a night over on case, and at the end of that time could not tell which side he was on. It was a case of champagne.

Attention.

DEAR READER, Through the medium of your paper, I ask all Baptists for a small donation to assist us to build a new church, which we need badly, we have spent a good sum in repairing only last year, and now the church leaks badly and is unsafe in other ways. We are few in number here, so feel compelled to ask donations. Being put on committee to solicit contributions, I thought the best plan would be to get the RECORD to do my begging. Open your hearts and purses my Baptist friends and help in a cause that must commend itself. Send donations to Capt. J. P. Brown at this place. Mrs. J. P. Mills, Kosciusko, Miss.

LOST.

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MERIDIAN ITEMS.

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Last Lord's Day public services were well attended. In every pulpit, it would seem, special attention was called to the evils of luxurious billiard rooms in leading young people astray. Billiards as a game, separated from all tempting surroundings, was not the question. The condemnation of Christian ministers is especially on the habit encouraged and the places frequented through the influence of gilded saloons. But this was incidental. At the First Baptist church, by Rev. J. S. Brunson, a fair audience in the morning, and a crowded house at night. Prof. W. E. Hughes and family were present, and completed the singing. Three members were received by letter.

There are many Baptists here whose membership is elsewhere. Some of them hold office of dismission. Their influence in the denomination is lost, and a few instances they are identified with congregations of a different faith. It would not be difficult to designate half a score whose names were on Baptist church books, that have strayed into other folds or fallen back into the world. One reason for this is the want of proper early indoctrinating, and another, failure to recognize Christian obligation while by neglect of God's word and aversion to secular affairs and social pleasures, the conscience is seared, until indifference gives way to "no difference," and Bible teachings are made subservient to a professed religious "liberty," or a practical infidelity.

L. A. D.

THE PUBLIC is not asleep in respect to sewing machines, and a lady, now-days, buys a machine, not because it had a good name fifteen years since, but selects the machine that pleases her best; has the most improvements, and does its work in the most quiet and ladylike fashion. The new High-Arm Davis, with its vertical feed, fills the above requirements, and is said to combine all the advantages of other machines, with many improvements of its own. It is a machine that is in demand, and is a machine that is a machine.

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